



Historical Overview: Native Hawaiian Realities

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Papa Ola Lōkahi

- Nā Aumakua
- Nā Kūpuna
- Nā 'Ōhana
- Nā Lāhui



Re-Igniting the Narrative

- I ka 'ōlelo no ke ola; i ka 'ōlelo no ka make
- *In the language is life; in the language is death*

The background of the slide features a photograph of two women in traditional Hawaiian attire performing a hula dance. They are wearing green dresses with large, dark green leaves draped over their shoulders and heads. They have their hands raised in a gesture, and their expressions are focused. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and tropical foliage.

A Healthy People

- Low incidence of disease
- Free of epidemic, contagious pestilence
- Skeletal remains reveal focal infections (dental caries)
- Society was orderly organized and highly sophisticated
- Healing mostly used for injuries





A Legacy of Excellence

- Navigation and Canoe making
- Feather work
- Fishing and Agriculture
- Plaited Mats
- Wooden bowls, gourds and bottles
- Musical instruments, dance, chant
- Sports and games
- Religious practices



Natural Resource Management

- Hawaiians were engineers, ecologists, masons, conservationists, using only what was needed, allowing time for replenishment, maintaining a constant, natural balance.

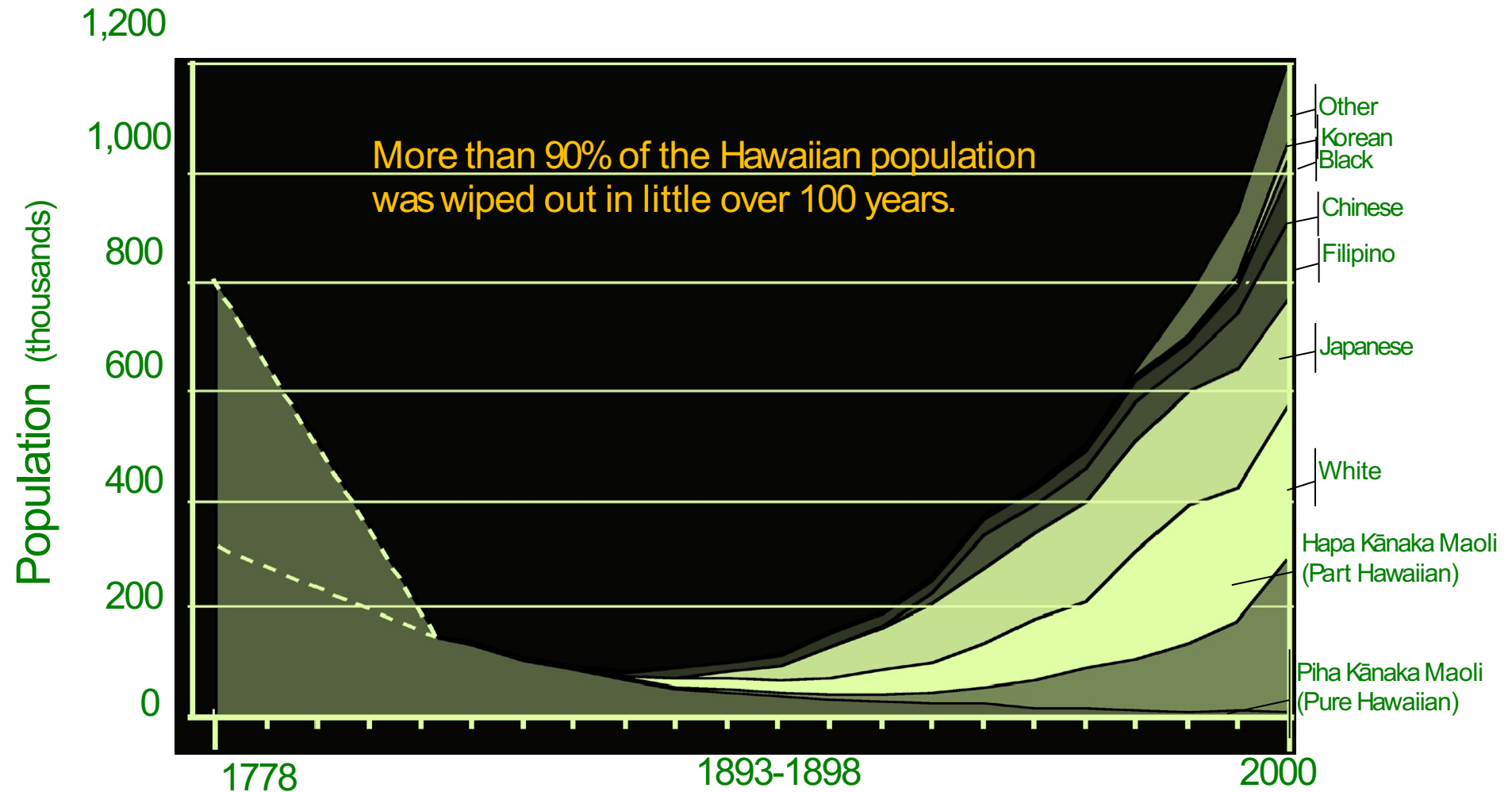




Impacts of Colonization on Hawaiian Health

- Foreign disease
- Breakdown of religious system and accompanying taboos (kapu)
- Dispossession of land
- Foreign system of government
- Cash-based system of economy
- Suppression of language, traditions, customs, values

Decimation of Hawaiians



Legacy of our Ali'i

Health

- Kamehameha IV/Queen Emma
- Queen Kapi'olani

Education

- Bernice Pauahi Bishop
- Kamehameha IV/Queen Emma

Children and Families

- Queen Lili'uokalani

Kupuna

- King William Lunalilo

Housing

- Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole

Civic Engagement

- Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole



NATIVE HAWAIIANS STUDY COMMISSION

Report on the culture, needs and concerns of Native Hawaiians



June 23, 1983

Native Hawaiians Study Commission

- Volume I: Majority Report Volume II: Minority Report
- *“Severe health, economic and educational problems affect Native Hawaiians. As with other indigenous peoples of the United States, these conditions are reflective of mutual disadvantages between native and non-native society.”*
- June 23, 1983



E Ola Mau study

- 1980s --21 researchers and agencies for 2 years, with funding from ALULIKE, Inc., created the *E Ola Mau: The Native Hawaiian Health Needs Study*.
- Six separate volumes within the study identified Native Hawaiians' physical, mental and spiritual health status and their needs and concerns, and placed them in a historical and cultural framework.

Leading Causes
of Death
Native
Hawaiians –
1980-1985

Compared with the overall US population at the time:

- The overall death rate for all Hawaiians was 34% higher than US average.
- Cardiovascular disease 44% higher
- Cancer 39% higher
- Cerebrovascular disease 31% higher
- Diabetes mellitus 222% higher



Pūpūkāhi i holomua

Moving forward in unity



Native Hawaiian Health

1988

Year Congress passed the Native Hawaiian Health Care Act (Public Law 100-396) to address findings of the 1985 CDC Maui report.

\$17.5M

Current amount of federal funding appropriated to the Native Hawaiian Health Care System in addition to the Native Hawaiian Health Care Act.

1,000+

Over 1,000 in attendance at over 15 community engagement events hosted by Papa Ola Lōkahi in FY2018.

89%

Percentage of participants identifying as Native Hawaiian at over 15 community engagement events hosted by Papa Ola Lōkahi in FY2018.

PAPA OLA LŌKAHI:

Established in 1988 as a result of the passage of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Act, Papa Ola Lōkahi is the first Native Hawaiian Health Care System in the United States.

Community-based, non-governmental entity that addresses the health needs of Native Hawaiians through strategic planning, program development, and public policy.

Serves as the body in which federal agencies enter into consultation around issues of Native Hawaiian health policy and health care.

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NATIVE HAWAIIAN POPULATION:

Total population in Hawaii & Continental U.S.: 2015: 560,488

Continental U.S.: 202,703 (47%) State of Hawaii: 289,775 (53%)

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NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - BY THE NUMBERS:

1991

Period since the Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program has worked to increase and improve the capacity in the delivery of adequate and culturally appropriate health care services to Native Hawaiians.

275+

Number of scholarships awarded since program inception. Over 170 scholars have completed their service obligations, with over 160 still employed in their discipline.

\$25M+

Over \$25 million in funding through Fiscal Year 2018 the Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program has received through federal appropriation of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act.

Papa Ola Lōkahi: Native Hawaiian Health Board

- 1988** Congress passed the Native Hawaiian Health Care Act
- 1992** Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act (P.L. 102-396)
- 2010** Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act (re-authorized)
- Community based, non-governmental entity
- Native Hawaiian Health (HI & US)
- Serves as the body in which federal agencies enter into consultation around issues of Native Hawaiian health policy and health care

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NĀ MAKAWAI

A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY PAPA OLA LŌKAHI

475 community events
12,500+ people in attendance

49% Native clients
51% white clients

clients served: 27,733
52% identify as Native Hawaiian

5 systems servicing 7 islands

services provided include: nutrition programs, screening and control of hypertension and diabetes, immunizations, and basic primary care services.

Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems

3,104 provided dental services
6,500+ traditional practices served
500 hours of nutrition classes served
6,180 served

over 100 oral health classes
2,400+ participants
1,029 hours of disease and complication prevention classes
over 2700 served physical fitness classes
28,069 served
30,000+ served in over 812 wellness classes

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transportation provided to 1610 clients

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E OLA MAU A MAU:

The next generation of Native Hawaiian health

Papa Ola Lōkahi

native hawaiian health scholarship program
administered by papa ola lōkahi hi

10 average awards per year since program inception

284 number of scholarships awarded since program inception

261 total number of scholars

24% kāne
76% wahine

57 active scholars

20+ over 20 eligible health professions

Eligibility: Native Hawaiian, Willing to relocate within the State of Hawai'i to serve the Native Hawaiian community upon graduating and becoming licensed, Enrolled full-time at a fully accredited college or university while pursuing one of the eligible health professions

Compensation: Funding for tuition, books, and other related educational costs, Monthly stipend while enrolled full-time at a fully accredited college or university, Coordinated service plan upon completion of education

1991-92 school year that (inaugural cohort) of Native Hawaiian scholars were selected

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Na Keiki 'Ō Hawai'i Hawaiian Civic Club of Anchorage, Alaska + Papa Ola Lōkahi of Honolulu, Hawai'i present:

NĀ MEA HAWAI'I: traditions of aloha

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019
Alex Hotel & Suites Anchorage Airport
4615 Spenard Rd | Anchorage, AK | 99517

PROGRAM ITINERARY

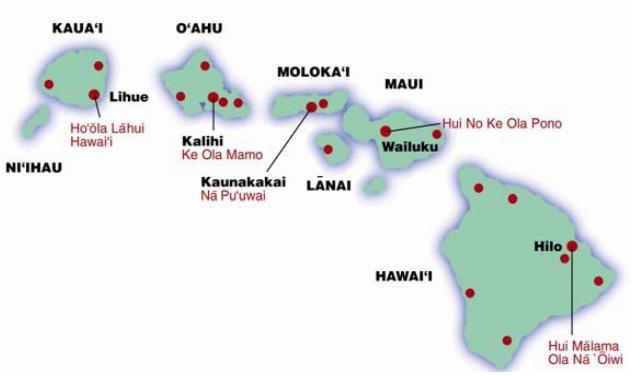
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9:30 AM - 2:30 PM • Lei Po'ō Workshop*
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM • Lomilomi**
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM • Kāhili Pa'a Lima Workshop
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM • Potluck Lunch
bring a dish to share
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM • Cordage Workshop
4:00 PM • Pau

*lei supplies will be provided, though feel free to bring your own flowers and foliage to share
**lomilomi appointments will be made on site

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Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander HAWAI'I COVID-19 TEAM

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Improving the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians

KE OLA MAMO
Native Hawaiian Health Care System of HI

Hui Mālama
Ola Nā 'Ōiwi

Papa Ola Lōkahi

HUI NO KE OLA PONO
Serving the Native Hawaiians on Maui for 24 years

MAUI OLA MĀLAMALAMA

HO'OLA LAHUI HAWAI'I
KAIULANI COMMUNITY EQUALITY CENTER

NĀ PUUWA'I, MOLOKAI & LĀNA'I

COMMUNITY VOICES

AN INITIATIVE BY PAPA OLA LŌKAHI

COMMUNITY VOICES: THE RESULTS TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE OF THE PROGRAM HAWAIIAN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. THIS EDITION OF COMMUNITY VOICES TALKS ABOUT THE NEED AND COMMITMENT IN THE AREA OF TRADITIONAL HEALING PRACTICES THROUGHOUT THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY.

824 participants in community health survey

149 respondents to survey

32% kāne
17% of respondents living on Oahu

68% wahine
63% of respondents living in Hawai'i

80% participants in community health survey

79% participants in community health survey

89% participants in community health survey

57% participants in community health survey

77% participants in community health survey

73% participants in community health survey

95% participants in community health survey

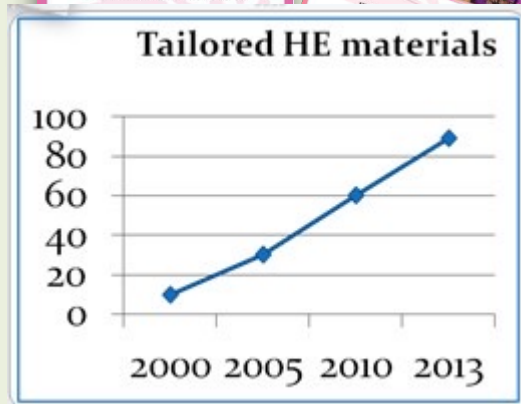
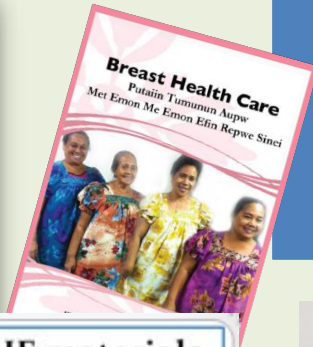
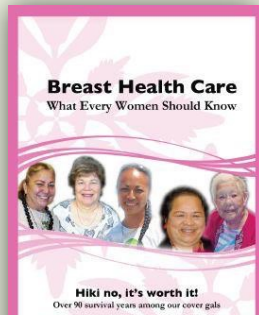
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Papa Ola Lōkahi
Nana I Ka Pono Na Ma

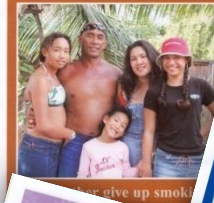
Culturally Targeted Health Education Materials

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Avg 100,000
education
materials
distributed
annually



Protect Yourself from
Cancers of the Mouth



Prostate Cancer



Testicular Cancer:
What Every Guy Should Know



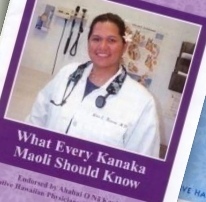
Protect Yourself
and Your 'Ohana
from Skin Cancer



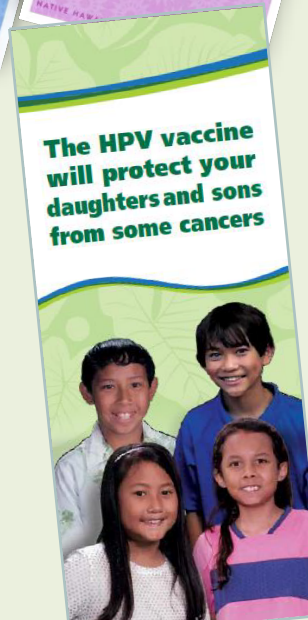
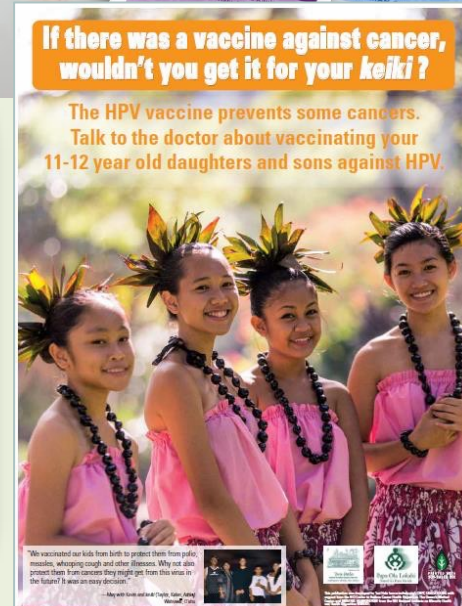
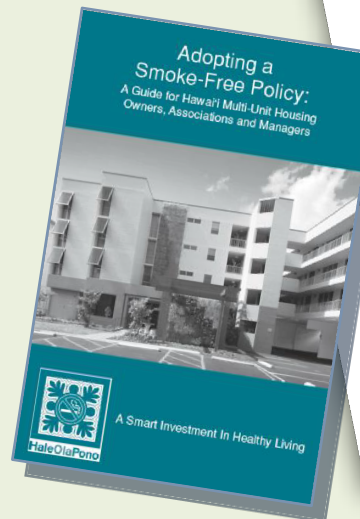
Cervical Cancer
is Preventable!



Colorectal Cancer
and Colorectal Cancer
Guidelines

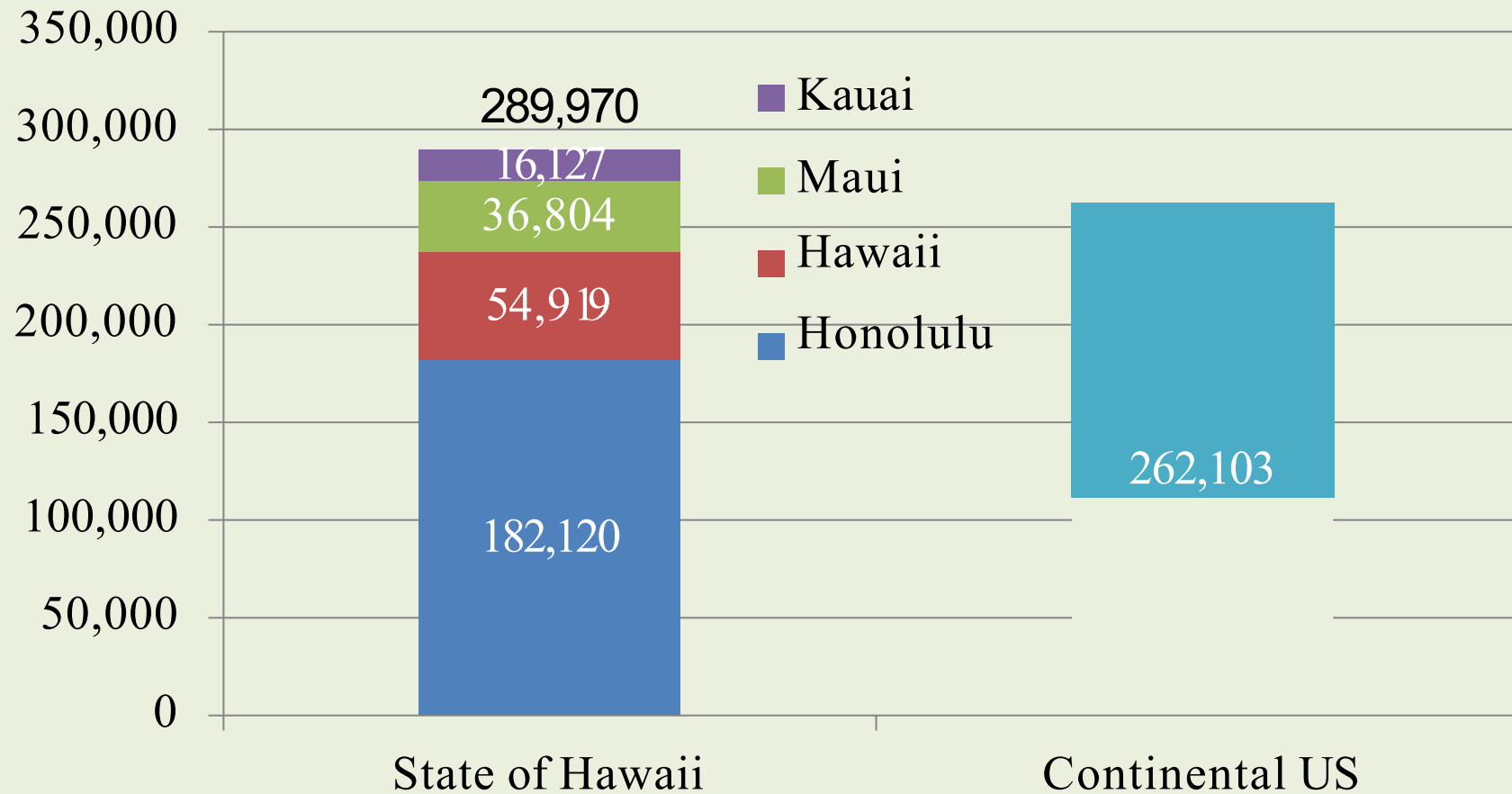


Even Hawaiians
get skin cancer.



552,073 Native Hawaiians

in Hawai'i Counties vs Continental US



Source:
Selected Population Profile in the US, 2013 ACD 1-year, US Census

E ‘Onipa‘a i ka ‘imi na‘auao.

Be steadfast in the seeking of knowledge.

Recommendations

- Learn about the communities: No two-alike; feel, hear, see
- Talk with and not about: like research, vet and multiple trusted sources
- If no us, then WHO



Mahalo!

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